

**B. Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6: (Canceled)

Claim 7. (New): Work chair, comprising a seat, supported in a height-adjustable manner by a column on a foot, and an adjustable backrest, the seat, at least in part, having a substantially horizontal position, and the backrest promoting an upright position of the user's back, wherein the column is composed of three parts and as a result provides a two-stage adjustability for the seat height, in that the seat is divided into two parts, in such a manner that a rear section is fixed and always retains the substantially horizontal position, while a front section is hinged with respect to the rear section, and in that the front section is secured to the second stage of the column in a hinged manner by a rod secured to it in a hinged manner.

Claim 8. (New): Work chair according to claim 7, wherein the first stage of the column is dimensioned in such a way that the seat height, determined by the fixed section of the seat, has an individual setting based on the lower-leg lengths encountered.

Claim 9. (New): Work chair according to claim 7, wherein the first stage of the column is dimensioned in such a way that the seat height, determined by the fixed section of the seat, has an individual setting based on the lower-leg lengths encountered, and in that the second stage of the column has a maximum height adjustment which gives a value of 130° for the curvature of the thigh with respect to the upright trunk.

Claim 10. (New): Work chair according to claim 7, wherein the backrest comprises two parts, without support at the location of the spinal column.

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Claim 11. (New): Work chair according to claim 7, wherein the backrest comprises two parts, without support at the location of the spinal column and in that the backrest is provided with a passive spring system which presses pivotably the backrest parts forwards.